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TAGS: EAIR, BF, US

SUBJ: CIVAIR: INSTITUTION OF PRECLEARANCE AT FREEPORT

REF: STATE 029407

1. GCOB WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO MEET IN WASHINGTON  
TO DISCUSS PRECLEARANCE IN GENERAL AND PRECLEARANCE  
FOR FREEPORT SPECIFICALLY ON THE SUGGESTED DATES OF  
MARCH 7 AND 8. FOLLOWING PERSONS WILL ATTEND FROM  
THE BAHAMAS:

E.A. THOMPSON, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TOURISM;  
DONALD BROGDEN, ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, MINISTRY OF WORKS AND  
UTILITIES;  
ALBERT MILLER, PRESIDENT OF FREEPORT COMMERCIAL AND  
INDUSTRIAL;  
JACK HAYWARD, DIRECTOR, INTERCONTINENTAL DIVERSIFIED COMPANY,  
FREEPORT (TENTATIVE);  
TONY ROBINSON, FREEPORT AIRPORT ARCHITECT;  
GEORGE MOORE, MANAGER OF FREEPORT AIRPORT;  
STEPHEN VITALE WHO REPRESENTS EMB ON NASSAU  
AIRPORT SECURITY COMMITTEE,  
STEPHEN VITALE WILL REPRESENT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY;  
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PETER DRUDGE OF THE BAHAMIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL ATTEND  
FOR MINEXTAFF. PHILLIP SANFORD FROM U.S. CUSTOMS, NASSAU,  
AND JAMES E. TOWNSEND AND JAMES CAHILL FROM U.S. CUSTOMS,  
MIAMI, WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING MEETING. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT  
WASHINGTON WILL INVITE AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES.

2. CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTTEL: (A)

PASSENGER VOLUME - MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND AVIATION  
CONFIRMED THAT NO SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE  
PASSENGER VOLUME PREDICTED FOR FREEPORT WOULD  
REPRESENT A DRAIN FROM THE NASSAU OPERATION. AS  
TO MAKCEY AIRLINES' UTILIZATION OF FREEPORT PRECLEARANCE  
FACILITY A CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED BUT NOT  
YET RECEIVED. (B) IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY MEASURES  
AT NASSAU - INSPECTION AGENCIES OPERATING IN NASSAU  
REPORT THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED  
SECURITY MEASURES HAS BEGUN AND ALTHOUGH WORK IS  
SLOW IT IS PROGRESSING. (C) NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON  
PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTING BAHAMIAN COMMITMENT UNDER  
PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE THAT DATES FOR MEETING AND  
LIST OF PERSONS ATTENDING WERE RECEIVED INFORMALLY  
FROM MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND THAT WE HAVE AS YET  
NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION FROM MINEXTAFF. EMBASSY  
BELIEVES THAT MEETING WILL PROCEED REGARDLESS OF  
WHETHER MINEXTAFF REPLIES OR NOT. PLEASE NOTIFY  
EMBASSY OF TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING WITH LIST OF  
US PARTICIPANTS IF POSSIBLE. THOSE ATTENDING FROM  
NASSAU PLAN ON LEAVING MARCH 6 FOR WASHINGTON. PLEASE  
SUPPLY FISCAL DATA FOR VITALE'S TRAVEL.  
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